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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Claim 6 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants believe the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-4 and 7-10, and the indicated allowability of claim 6 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 6 has been rewritten accordingly. Therefore, claim 6 is also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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